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25 April 1973

Mr. Wilfred H. Rommel  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Rommel:

Enclosed is a proposed report to Chairman Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, in response to a request for our views and recommendations on H.R. 4294 and H.R. 6364 which provide additional retirement benefits for certain members of the Armed Forces and for certain Federal employees.

Advice is requested as to whether there is any objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable F. Edward Hebert, Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for our views and recommendations on H.R. 4294 and H.R. 6364 which provide additional retirement benefits for certain members of the Armed Forces and for certain Federal employees.

Both bills authorize additional service credit for retirement equal to the time spent as a prisoner of war or in a missing person status in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict. While both bills apply to military members of the Armed Forces, H.R. 4294 covers all Federal employees and H.R. 6364 is limited to CIA employees covered by the CIA Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees.

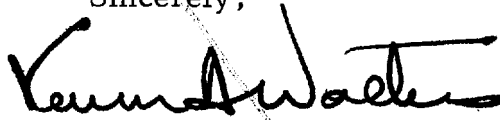
It is believed that legislation of this nature should be applied broadly to all Federal employees and not limited to those who serve under a particular Federal staff retirement system. Without such uniform application, inequities could arise in a single agency, such as CIA where some employees are covered by the Civil Service system and others by the CIA retirement system. For this reason, we favor H.R. 4294 over H.R. 6364.

The provisions which serve as precedent for crediting service under the CIA Retirement Act are those promulgated under the Civil Service Retirement Act. For this reason, we defer to the views of the Civil Service Commission on the policy implications of the legislation.

It is noted that while the legislation applies to former military members, it does not apply to former Federal employees. If the legislation is acted upon, it is recommended that it be amended to extend its benefits to former civilian employees.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

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Vernon A. Walters  
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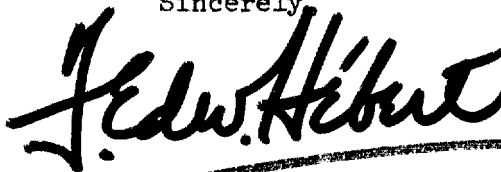
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Honorable James R. Schlesinger  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

The views and recommendations of the Central  
Intelligence Agency are requested on H.R. 6364, copies of  
which are enclosed.

Sincerely



F. Edw. Hebert  
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Enclosures

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1. Acting Director			<p>Attached for the Acting Director's signature is a reply to a request from Chairman Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, for views on legislation which would grant double retirement <del>25X1C</del> to former POW's or MIA's.</p> <div style="background-color: black; height: 40px; width: 100%; margin: 10px 0;"></div> <p>The Civil Service Commission probably will oppose the measure as bad precedent. Defense and State are taking the line that the legislation should be held up pending return of all POW's and MIA's.</p> <p>The position we are taking in the reply has been coordinated with the DD/O, DD/M&amp;S, and the General Counsel. If the Acting Director indicates his approval by signing the letter, a copy will be sent to OMB for clearance before it is sent to Chairman Hebert.</p> <div style="background-color: black; height: 40px; width: 100%; margin: 10px 0;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">Legislative Counsel</p>
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